

# Grants Pass Invades Local Diamond Sunday

## MERCHANTS ARE RATED AT EVEN ODDS FOR GAME

Comparative showings against the Roseburg Pirates, who trounced Grants Pass 10-6 Sunday, give Ashland's Lithians the edge to beat the Climate City Merchants when the two teams play at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon on the Ashland high school diamond.

Phil Griggs, Merchant hurler, walked in four runs to help the Roseburg batters and his teammates kicked the ball around for errors which did the rest. The lanky CCC enrollee from Texas has a high straight ball which boasts plenty of speed but is shy on control. Lithian batters have shown no reluctance so far this season to paste deliveries of that sort, and unless Griggs can pull some fancy curves out of the bag they likely will connect with enough of Griggs' offerings for a winning score.

Jud Pernoll's outfit features a lineup full of heavy hitters in Ray, Machado, Halas, Hartman, Pittman and Ostrum which will give Lowell Brown, local southpaw, and the other Ashland players plenty to think about during their turns in the field. Hugh Hartman, former SONS student, will catch Griggs Sunday.

First casualty of the season—a sprained ankle while playing against Medford—Parker Hess, Lithian second bagger, will see no action in the Grants Pass game. His spot probably will be filled by Willie Durham.

Rest of the lineup for the locals will be much the same as last Sunday's starting force.

Al Simpson will catch Brown's curves, Patterson will be at first base, Ager at third, Schopf, shortstop. Outfield positions will be a little more open with Leavens practically a cinch to start at center and other gardens not yet set. The way it looks today, it will be hustling Jack Balding at left field and Don Montgomery, right, with Phil Keaton, lusty batting acquisition from northern California, on hand to get the nod during the game to go in and show his stuff.

Other players will be Gossnell, Learning and possibly Wayne Combest as relief pitcher, besides Manager Hall.

Arba Ager, third sacker, and Keaton are being groomed for entry in the flinging department, and arrival of Chief McLean in a few days is expected to add stimulus to the victory-bound Lithians set on climbing rest of the way up to league leading position.

## Lithians Seek Game For Memorial Sunday

Lithian baseball club officials are awaiting bids from other teams for a game to be played here Memorial Sunday, May 30.

Original plans called for a contest with Hilts, but that team is a member of the Northern California circuit which has scheduled games for that day.

If no bids are received by Monday an attempt will be made to secure a strong CCC nine for competition, or a tilt may be arranged with some other idle member of the Southern Oregon league.

Medford and Crescent City will pick up the game which was rained out in the coast city, but all other Decoration day encounters between league members will have no official status in pennant ratings.

Mrs. Clara Cardwell of Venice, Calif., is visiting relatives this week in Medford and Ashland. Mrs. Cardwell is a sister of Ted Schopf, SONS student.

## GOING UP!



Jackknifing into a new world's pole-vault record, Olympic Athlete Bill Sefton clears the bar at dizzy height of 14 feet, 7 3/4 inches, aiding his teammates in their unexpected 79-52 victory at the Los Angeles coliseum over the California Bears. Sefton's leap breaks the mark of 14 feet, 6 1/2 inches, set by George Varoff of San Francisco in 1936.

## Hunting Out Sports

By LARRY HUNTER

LOWELL BROWN, southpaw Lithian pitcher has decided, after reading a description of himself in a Medford paper, that this southern Oregon circuit is a very tough league, indeed.

Brown was credited by the article with winning the Medford-Ashland fracas but all the frosting was licked off the sugar plum by the label, "erratic."

Cold facts and figures show that the portside has struck out no less than 34 batters in 35 innings of 1937 baseball. Terrible record, isn't that? Or is it? Furthermore, the big hurler has hit three for ten to hang up a batting average of .300 in league games. In the second inning of the Medford contest he whiffed Swanson, Sakraida and Ray Lewis in one-two-three order, and this Swanson was called "a terrific hitter" by the Medford writer.

Was that enough? No! Mr. Brown is one of those eccentric individuals who consider that a job half-done is a job undone. So in the eighth inning, when Stine hung one on the old pellet which seemed to be a special delivery stamp to some unknown address in the more remote regions of the outfield, the "erratic hurler" leaped high in the air, took the stinging drive to put Stine out, then pegged the ball to second base putting Dick Lewis out there for a beautiful double play! It lacked but inches of being a triple put-out when Leavens fired the ball to First Baseman Patterson, but a low throw slowed the ball down just enough to save the runner hustling back to the bag.

The only logical deduction is this: If Brown is an "erratic southpaw" all other pitchers in the league must have two left hands and a pair of left feet. And, if there are any more second-raters like him in southern Oregon they can report for play at Ashland at the earliest convenient moment. As a special inducement Manager Hall will have them measured for a charming ensemble consisting of uniform,

## How They Stand!

GAMES SUNDAY, MAY 23  
Grants Pass at Ashland.  
Glendale at Medford.  
Crescent City at Roseburg.

SOUTHERN OREGON LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct.	
Roseburg	3	0	1.000
Crescent City	2	0	1.000
Grants Pass	2	1	.667
Ashland	1	2	.333
Medford	0	2	.000
Glendale	0	3	.000

LITHIAN BATTING AVERAGES			
Combest	1	1	1.000
Montgomery	7	4	.571
Leavens	13	6	.462
Schopf	10	4	.400
Brown	10	3	.300
Ager	11	3	.274
Hess	11	2	.182
Balding	12	2	.166
Patterson	13	2	.158
Simpson	12	1	.083
Durham	3	0	.000
Hall	2	0	.000
Learning	1	0	.000
Keaton	1	0	.000

cap, glove, shoes and sox. This outfit, by the way, is just what the well-dressed young man is wearing in Ashland this spring and is considered just too, too chic along the Boulevard. It must be admitted that each player on the Lithian nine has a suit which resembles in each detail the well-tailored clothes of his fellow-players, and runs rather to a conservative gray, with no tolerance shown for the more individualistic romper-type uniform of flamboyant orange.

Every man to his own taste, say the exclusive Ashland stylists, and if the man plays baseball let him wear a baseball uniform. If he is a kittenball addict let his attire show it.

Always willing to give credit where credit is due, it must be admitted that the Medford pitcher, Larry Pepper, has a reasonable quarrel with the printed page due to the fact that misinformation led to his very thorough panning in this column a week ago in an account of the Prospect-Crater game. It now appears that Pepper whiffed more than his share of Prospect batters and that it was Hoffman who was the goat of a late-innings slugging bee.

Apologies, Mr. Pepper! And next time such vilification of true abilities occurs it will not be necessary to pitch near shut-out ball to merit a word or two of praise. Those last frames Sunday entitle you to a rest on your laurels.

Condolences being in order, it now comes the turn of Billy Hulen! Unofficial press agent for Medford's Craters, Hulen apparently is on the fence.

Living in Medford, formerly from Ashland, he sat silently through last Sunday's game like a poker player who had just dealt himself a fifth ace. His "when in Rome" policies have placed him in a difficult position which can be classified as neither fish, flesh nor fowl!

He does show marked chameleonic tendencies, however, in his resounding but unjustified wails about the Hiltz larceny of Donny Donovan from the Crater infield. There is no doubt that Mr. Donovan's departure to search for gold in sunny California will cause Mike Balcovic a great deal of grief.

But the Hulen howls are as silent as the doodle-bug's responses when mingled with the Ashland chagrin over the Medford purloinment of Larry Pepper, slowball artist, topped off now by attempted and perhaps successful inducements offered to Wayne Combest. Showing absolutely no finesse or subtlety the Craters picked game time last Sunday as the proper moment for suggesting that Combest ask for his Ashland release in order to help pull Medford out of the cellar position.

After all, Hiltz is out of the Southern Oregon conference and consequently may solicit players from any team in this league if they so choose. But who can say that it is a neighborly gesture to snatch two pitchers in a row from a member team, even if the move technically is on the level? And particularly when the aforementioned member team is very busy with problems of base hits and strikeouts. Tsk! Tsk! Hulen! And a double Tsk! Tsk! to you, Mike.

No available data has arrived as yet from Hiltz or Ashland re-

## LITHIANS CLIMB FROM CELLAR IN MEDFORD WIN

Living up to pre-game predictions, the hard-hitting Ashland Lithians went to the poles Sunday afternoon, nullified the term "Sultan of Swat" and democratically divided 12 hits among seven players in nine innings of baseball which sent the cellar-dwelling Medford Craters back to their hole with the short end of a 7-5 score.

A landslide of seven hits in the fourth, fifth and sixth stanzas netted six runs for Ashland and carried Erickson, Crater hurler, off to the showers. Larry Pepper, another right hander who relieved Erickson, gave only two hits in the balance of the game and struck out seven Lithians. Lowell Brown handed out only six safeties in pitching a whale of a game for the locals.

The scoring started in the second when Brown took a free trip to first base after being struck on the head by a ball thrown by Erickson. Medford's young hurler became somewhat unnerved by the mishap, allowing Arba Ager to get in a good sacrifice play advancing Brown to second base. Ted Schopf then hit, scoring Brown.

Mike Balcovic evened the score in the third after attaining first on Simpson's error. Stealing second, the big Crater catcher made a leisurely trip home when Erickson also got on with Schopf's mistake and Dick Lewis, Crater shortstop, hit a single.

Then came the eventful fourth inning, a story in itself.

First came a hit by Malcolm Stine, garishly garbed Crater right fielder. He was put out, Schopf to Hess, on a fielder's choice which let Swanson get on first base. Sakraida fanned, and was followed by R. Lewis who drew a walk, advancing Swanson to the second cushion. Dick Hoffman, Medford first sacker whose efforts at fielding were noticeably poor, finally found out what a baseball looked like, and rapped it with a lusty swing for his first hit of the season, a home run scoring Swanson and Lewis ahead of him.

Coming up for their half of the inning with the score 3-1 against them, the Lithians went to work quickly. Ager hit and was put out at second with an almost identical fielder's choice play which set Simpson up on first. Schopf flied out, then Hess walked, Balding got on on an error and another error by Erickson put Patterson on the initial sack, scoring Simpson. Montgomery lofted a two-bagger, and Hess and Balding scored, followed closely by Patterson who loped across the plate when Leavens singled. Montgomery and Leavens died on base when Brown flied out to shortstop but the local nine had gained a lead which was never headed.

Two more Ashland runs in the sixth drove Erickson off the rubber, and a spirited ninth-inning rally backing Pepper's pitching netted one Medford tally but stopped two runs short of tying the winning score.

Big Don Montgomery walloped three hits in four times at bat for the locals as did Ted Schopf, shortstop. Medford's heavy bats were limp, Balcovic getting but one bingle in four trips, Swanson the same, and Wally Rickert going up three times to no avail. Sully Knox, batting for Lewis in the ninth, could not savvy Brown at all and made lots of breeze with the stick but no hits. The club's weakest hitter, Hoffman, wangled two from four to tie with Dick Lewis for Medford honors.

Batteries were Brown to Simpson for Ashland, Erickson and Pepper to Balcovic for the losers.

Score by innings:

Medford	.....	001	300	001-5
Ashland	.....	010	402	00x-7

The Claycomb Motor company has announced sale of new Ford v-8s to the following: J. Hallison, Keno; W. R. Winkler, Klamath Falls, and Walter Freeman, Ashland.

frigerator salesmen at the north pole, but indications in Ashland are that additional player switching will cause a league stink which will make a polecat smell like \$700 worth of eau de cologne.

## "MAP OF THE WORLD"



She didn't use an old map for her costume, but it's a "Map of the World" glazed chintz that Miss Pearl Dietz wears at the women's children's, infants' wear and accessories market in the Merchandise Mart, Chicago. Underneath the short jacket with its full sleeves and short flared skirt, is a playsuit in red pique.

## Jackson County Work Conditions Are Studied

Employment conditions in Jackson county and all other sections of Oregon, especially the seasonal and migratory phases, will be thoroughly surveyed under a project begun this week under the direction of the Oregon state planning board, it was announced by Ormond R. Bean, board chairman. The project, which is held to be

of utmost importance to employers of all classes of labor, to state and county officials and to federal agencies such as the WPA, will utilize all available statistics, and when completed will present an accurate and graphic picture of the labor situation in this state. It will be financed and carried on as a WPA project.

Work will be under the supervision of J. C. Rettie, research director for the planning board. Mr. Rettie recently was named associate planning consultant by the National Resources committee and assigned to the board here. He will be assisted by H. H. White, extension economist of Oregon State college, and V. L. Sexton, assistant economist, both of whom recently have been assigned to Oregon by the national committee.

Cecil La Course of Twin Falls, Ida., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Litwiller for a few days this week, enroute for a visit with his parents in San Diego.



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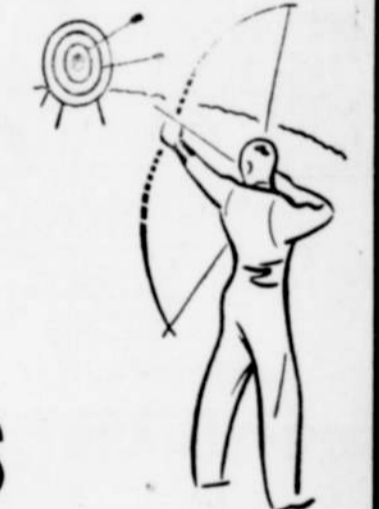
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